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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN: PROPOSED REPLY TO TOAST

1. HERewith THE PROPOSED TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S REPLY TO THE TOAST PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO WILL MAKE AT THE DINNER HE PLANS TO HOST IN THE SECRETARY'S HONOR OCTOBER 31:
  2. "THANK YOU, MR. PRIME MINISTER.
  3. "I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE ONCE AGAIN. AS YOU ALL KNOW, IT IS A PARTICULAR PLEASURE FOR ME TO RETURN ON THIS OCCASION TO MEET WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES AND AT LEAST BRIEFLY TO OBSERVE THE PROGRESS PEOPLE'S PAKISTAN HAS MADE UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP.
  4. "I AM HAPPY TO REPORT, MR. PRIME MINISTER, THAT BOTH MY POLITICAL AND MY MEDICAL ADVISERS TELL ME NO ONE NEED FEAR THAT HEALTH PROBLEMS WILL INTERFERE WITH THE PROGRESS OF MY VISIT THIS TIME. YOU WILL RECALL THAT ON A STOP I MADE HERE SEVERAL YEARS AGO I WAS TROUBLED BY WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS NOW REFERRED TO BY PAKISTANI MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AS KISSINGER'S DISEASE. THIS MALADY CAN BEST BE TREATED BY TWO OR THREE DAYS OF COMPLETE ISOLATIONS AT A PAKISTANI HILL
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IN THE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO OF THE MAJOR POWERS. AS I SAY, I DO NOT EXPECT TO COME DOWN WITH IT THIS TIME.

5. "AS YOU KNOW, MR. PRIME MINISTER, I HAVE COME TO PAKISTAN IN THE COURSE OF A LONG JOURNEY WHICH INCLUDES VISITS IN SEVERAL SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES. AS I HAVE TRAVELLED OVER THIS VAST AREA, WHAT IMPRESSES ME IS NOT ONLY THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEMS THIS REGION FACES BUT ALSO THE DETERMINATION, COMMON TO ALL THE LEADERS WITH WHOM I HAVE TALKED, TO FACE THESE PROBLEMS SQUARELY AND TO WORK WITH HOPE AND DILIGENCE TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF THEIR PEOPLE.

6. "BUT PROGRESS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF IT IS SECURELY BASED ON AN UNDERPINNING OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS AMONG THE SOVEREIGN STATES WHICH SHARE THIS REGION. ALL OF US ARE AWARE OF THE CONFLICTING INTERESTS AND MUTUAL SUSPICIONS WHICH HAVE FOR SO LONG CREATED SEEMINGLY INSUPERABLE OBSTACLES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH TIES. IT IS TO YOUR GREAT CREDIT THAT YOU HAVE HAD THE COURAGE TO SEEK TO REMOVE THESE OBSTACLES, AND TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARD THE ATTAINMENT OF THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS SO NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS OF THE SUBCONTINENT.

7. "I KNOW, MR. PRIME MINISTER, THAT AS A LONG-TIME STUDENT AND SUCCESSFUL PRACTITIONER OF FOREIGN POLICY YOU RECOGNIZE THAT PEACEFUL RELATIONS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED AND MAINTAINED IF THE STATES WHICH SEEK TO DEVELOP THEM FEEL STRONG AND SECURE IN THEIR OWN NATIONHOOD. YOUR OWN EFFORTS HERE IN PAKISTAN TO REVIVE AND ENHANCE THIS FEELING AND TO CREATE A SOUND AND CREDIBLE BASIS FOR IT ARE WELL KNOWN, AND ARE APPLAUDED BY EVERY FRIEND OF YOUR COUNTRY. THIS ADMINISTRATION, LIKE ITS PREDECESSOR, SUPPORTS YOUR EFFORTS. YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT AS WE PURSUE OUR QUEST FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL THE NATIONS OF THIS REGION, WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF A STRONG, SECURE PAKISTAN A CARDINAL ELEMENT IN A STABLE AND PEACEFUL SOUTH ASIA, AND TO REGARD WITH CONFIDENCE AND ESTEEM THE LONG AND VALUED ASSOCIATION WE HAVE HAD WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY.  
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8. "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN (OR PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN, DEPENDING ON BHUTTO TOAST)."  
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